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From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Ayers pleased with progress of Wofford football's spring practice
Date: March 10, 2004 at 4:33 PM
To:



As the Wofford football team enters the final week of its spring practice, Terrier coach Mike Ayers is pleased with the progress of his defending Southern Conference champions.

"Our kids have worked hard," Ayers said. "We've put in a lot of offense and we've tried to really focus on the fundamentals on both sides of the ball.

"We've been very competitive against one another when we've been in a scrimmage situation. We feel like we're making progress and that's the big thing we wanted to do. For the most part, we've stayed away from the injury bug.

"It's gone well. We're looking to try to get better tonight (6:30 p.m.) and to continue on to be a very productive spring for us."

The Terriers will scrimmage Saturday at 10 a.m. before concluding the spring with another scrimmage next Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford football signs punter from Washington
Date: March 12, 2004 at 11:55 AM
To:

MC

The defending Southern Conference champion Wofford Terriers have announced the signing of punter/kicker Josh Syria to a National Letter-of-Intent.

Syria (6-3, 220) was a three-year letterman and starter for Wenatchee High School in Wenatchee, Wash. He earned second-team All-Conference honors as a junior and was an honorable-mention All-Conference selection his senior year.

Named as Wenatchee's Special Teams Player of the Year, Syria had a single-season school record 40.0 average as a senior with eight punts downed inside the 20-yard line. He also holds the career punting mark for Wenatchee. As a junior, he had a career long 46-yard field goal. He was also 9-of-9 on extra-points in one game.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford football to scrimmage tomorrow morning
Date: March 12, 2004 at 12:13 PM
To:

MC

The defending Southern Conference champion Wofford Terriers will hold their second scrimmage of spring practice tomorrow at 10 a.m. in Gibbs Stadium.

"We want to see guys flying around, executing and having fun," Terrier coach and 2003 Eddie Robinson Award winner Mike Ayers said. "We've also added some more plays over the past week.

"We're trying to concentrate on getting some of the younger guys more reps and seeing how they respond. We want to see if some of those slots vacated by graduation can be filled by guys we have on the team right now. It's still a big teaching process and we're trying to focus on fundamentals and the effort aspect of the game.

"Hopefully, we'll go out there and have a nice day. Last time we scrimmaged, we had about six inches of snow. It should be a lot better tomorrow."

Following tomorrow's scrimmage, Wofford will return to the practice field at 6:30 p.m. Monday and 3:45 p.m. Tuesday. The final scrimmage to close out spring drills will be Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford football moves Mungin from halfback to wide receiver
Date: March 12, 2004 at 12:17 PM
To:



Rising senior Ben Mungin, who has started 19 games the last two seasons at halfback for the Wofford football team, has been moved to wide receiver.

"Ben is a guy we need to get on the field," Terrier coach Mike Ayers said. "He has excellent ball skills and understands running routes.

"He has a great deal of experience at the halfback position. We're trying to give him more reps at receiver where he can be an overlap guy for us."

A native of Lithonia, Ga., Mungin had four receptions for 51 yards last season while adding 12 carries for 82 yards.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Rodgers' long touchdown pass highlights Wofford football scrimmage
Date: March 13, 2004 at 5:38 PM
To:

MC

A 70-yard touchdown pass from Trey Rodgers to Brandon Berry highlighted the Wofford football team's second scrimmage of spring practice this morning at Gibbs Stadium in Spartanburg, S.C.

Rodgers, a rising senior from Spartanburg (Dorman High School), completed all five of his pass attempts for 114 yards. His scoring toss to Berry came on his first snap.

Rodgers and fellow signal callers Jeff Zolman and Josh Collier were a combined 11-of-22 in the air for 165 yards. Zolman added a 7-yard touchdown pass to halfback Aaron Johnson.

"A big part of the throwing game is making sure you don't try to force it," Wofford coach Mike Ayers said. "Our guys did a great job of seeing and breaking on the ball."

Collier, a redshirt as a freshman this past season, was the top ground gainer with 53 yards on 14 carries. Kevious Johnson, the 2003 SoCon Freshman of the Year, added 50 yards on four attempts which included a 4-yard scoring run. Halfback Terrance Ware rushed for 43 yards on eight carries.

Rising sophomore placekicker Nick Robinson added a 41-yard field goal while converting all three PATs. Robinson, who had never played football before arriving on campus, tied a Wofford single-season school record with 48 extra points last season. He was also 5-of-8 on field goals.

"We had ideal conditions today (the Terriers' first scrimmage two weeks ago took place with six inches of snow on the ground)," Ayers said. "Offensively, we started off very well."

"Towards the latter part of the scrimmage, we tried to concentrate on playing a lot of the young guys. The majority of our offensive line right now consists of true freshmen. In some cases, it showed. If we keep working, those guys will get better. Once the older group comes back, there's no doubt we can be better from that standpoint. Every rep these young guys get, it prepares them for the time when they do have to play and perform at a high level."

Defensive highlights included interceptions by strong safety Ryan Steele and outside linebackers Derek Newberry and Steve Hoover. Sacks were recorded by Lee Basinger, Jimmy Freland and Timmy Thrift.

Wofford will take tomorrow off before returning to the practice field Monday at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. The Terriers will close spring drills with a 6:30 p.m. Wednesday scrimmage.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford football to conclude spring practice with 6:30 p.m. scrimmage tomorrow
Date: March 16, 2004 at 10:14 AM
To:

MC

The defending Southern Conference champion Wofford Terriers will close spring practice tomorrow with a 6:30 p.m. scrimmage in Gibbs Stadium.

"Tomorrow night is probably going to be a shorter scrimmage since we have several guys nicked up and we have limited numbers on the offensive line," Wofford coach Mike Ayers said. "We'd like to try to have a productive scrimmage and make sure we get out of it healthy.

"We've had a good spring. Our kids have learned a lot of football and we've made progress. The big thing we want to try to do is work as hard as we can and be smart. If it's 30, 50 or 80 snaps, we'll go as long as the pace allows us to go because of the depth that we have.

"I feel our young kids have taken a big step. They're growing, maturing and developing in our system. We hope they'll be able to play a good bit of ball for us next year."

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Jackson TD run highlights final scrimmage as Wofford football closes spring drills
Date: March 17, 2004 at 8:33 PM
To:

MC

A 58-yard touchdown run by Gabriel Jackson highlighted tonight's Wofford football scrimmage as the defending Southern Conference champions concluded their spring practice.

A rising junior from Dahlonega, Ga., Jackson broke two tackles at the 12-yard line on his way to the only touchdown of the night. He finished with a team-high 77 yards on five carries. Nick Robinson added a 33-yard field goal for the other score. His kick was set up by a 30-yard run from fullback Mike Jones.

The scrimmage closed with an end zone interception by defensive back Alex Love. James Drury had a sack and fumble recovery from his defensive tackle position. The Tulsa, Okla., native was sidelined by injury as a freshman last season.


"Offensively, we struggled tonight," Wofford coach and 2003 Eddie Robinson Award winner Mike Ayers said. "Part of that is because we were playing real good defense.

"We were playing a lot of true freshmen on the offensive line (the last two scrimmages were held without three injured starters) and the defense created problems for us. I thought our quarterbacks performed well under the circumstances. Some of our running backs showed they can be explosive.

"I think we'll be fine as a football team. We still have a ways to go mentally as far as getting some young guys ready on both sides of the ball. We also have to get some guys back healthy. I like the way we got after it all spring. The kids worked hard and it allowed us to get a bunch of looks on film which will help us as a football team."

Quarterbacks Jeff Zolman, Trey Rodgers and Josh Collier were a combined 12-of-22 in the air. Ten different Terriers had at least one reception. Wofford also had 14 players with at least one rushing attempt.

The 2004 Terriers will return all but nine players off last year's squad that captured the SoCon title and advanced to the Division I-AA national semifinals with a 12-2 overall record and 8-0 league mark. Wofford welcomes back nine starters on offense and eight on defense.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM 
Subject: Wofford announces 2004 football schedule
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To:



Six home games for the second straight season highlight the 2004 schedule for the defending Southern Conference champion Wofford College football team.

With a 21-5 overall record and 14-2 league mark, Wofford is the SoCon's winningest football team over the last two seasons. The 2004 Terriers return all but 10 players off last year's squad that advanced to the Division I-AA national semifinals with a 12-2 overall record and 8-0 league mark. Wofford welcomes back nine starters on offense and eight on defense.

After opening the campaign with back-to-back road games, the Terriers will play six of their final nine regular-season contests in Gibbs Stadium.

Wofford opens the 2004 slate on Sept. 11 at South Carolina State. The Terriers and Bulldogs will be meeting for the third consecutive season.

Wofford will then begin defense of its SoCon title the following week (Sept. 18) when it travels to Georgia Southern. The Terriers have defeated the Eagles in each of the last two campaigns.

Wofford's home debut will come in the season's third week (Sept. 25) when it hosts Johnson C. Smith.

The Terriers then begin a stretch of five consecutive SoCon games in the month of October. Wofford will host Chattanooga (Oct. 2), Western Carolina (Oct. 16) and The Citadel (Oct. 30) while visiting Elon (Oct. 9) and Appalachian State (Oct. 23).

The final SoCon contest will be Nov. 13 when Wofford is home for Furman. The Terriers defeated the Paladins, 7-6, in Greenville, S.C., last year to clinch the SoCon's first undefeated league season since 1998.

The Terriers will also have a pair of non-conference games in November. Wofford hosts Big South Conference champion Gardner-Webb on Nov. 6. The Terriers and Bulldogs will be meeting on the gridiron for the first time since a 20-14 Wofford win in Spartanburg, S.C., in 1994.

Wofford closes the regular season on Nov. 20 at former SoCon member VMI.

"I like having six games at home," Wofford coach and 2003 Eddie Robinson Award winner Mike Ayers said. "It's a great schedule and also a difficult one that we're working hard to try to prepare for right now.

"The conference will be very strong as usual. A lot of teams have a lot of people back plus some have added transfers as well.

"The non-conference schedule is very good. Facing VMI is a great opportunity to continue a rivalry. There's also a tremendous challenge in Big South champion Gardner-Webb. They're very talented. We've had an opportunity to see them on film. We don't know much about Johnson C. Smith but I'm sure they'll have some outstanding athletes.

"I can't say enough about South Carolina State. They have some of the best players in the country and coach (Buddy) Pough does a tremendous job."

Kickoff times for all home games will be announced later. The only road kickoff time known thus far is 1 p.m. at VMI.

2004 Wofford football schedule

Sept. 11 at South Carolina State

Sept. 18 at Georgia Southern*

Sept. 25 Johnson C. Smith

Oct. 2 Chattanooga*

Oct. 9 at Elon*

Oct. 16 Western Carolina* (Homecoming)

Oct. 23 at Appalachian State*

Oct. 30 The Citadel*

Nov. 6 Gardner-Webb

Nov. 13 Furman*

Nov. 20 at VMI

*SoCon game

Home games in bold

2004 Wofford College Football Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sept. 11	South Carolina State	Orangeburg, S.C.	TBA

Sept. 18	Georgia Southern*	Statesboro, Ga.	TBA
Sept. 25	Johnson C. Smith	Gibbs Stadium	TBA
Oct. 2	Chattanooga*	Gibbs Stadium	TBA
Oct. 9	Elon*	Elon, N.C.	TBA
Oct. 16	Western Carolina*	Gibbs Stadium	TBA
Oct. 23	Appalachian State*	Boone, N.C.	TBA
Oct. 30	The Citadel*	Gibbs Stadium	TBA
Nov. 6	Gardner-Webb	Gibbs Stadium	TBA
Nov. 13	Furman*	Gibbs Stadium	TBA
Nov. 20	VMI	Lexington, Va.	1:00

*Southern Conference Game

Bold Denotes Home Game

All Times Eastern and Subject to Change

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford announces kickoff times for 2004 home football games
Date: March 29, 2004 at 1:38 PM
To:



The defending Southern Conference champion Wofford football team has announced the kickoff times for its six home games at Gibbs Stadium this fall.

The Terriers will have 7 p.m. kickoffs for the Sept. 25 home opener with Johnson C. Smith and the Oct. 2 contest with Chattanooga.

Home games versus Western Carolina (Oct. 16), The Citadel (Oct. 30), Gardner-Webb (Nov. 6) and Furman (Nov. 13) will start at 1:30 p.m.

All times are subject to change.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford football announces 2003 team awards
Date: April 19, 2004 at 5:21 PM
To:

MC

The Wofford football team announced the recipients of its 2003 team awards at yesterday's Southern Conference championship ring ceremony held at the downtown Spartanburg Marriott.

Offensive Backs of the Year -- Trey Rodgers and Jeff Zolman. The Terrier quarterbacks shared the signal calling duties last season. Both will be seniors this fall. Rodgers (Spartanburg, S.C.) rushed for 375 yards and four touchdowns on a 4.3 per carry mark. He added 368 yards and four scores in the air, completing 50.0 percent of his pass attempts. Zolman totaled 607 yards and nine touchdowns on the ground, averaging 4.7 yards per rush. The Dayton, Ohio, native also completed 58.5 percent of his passes for 389 yards and one touchdown.

Receiver of the Year -- Curtis Nash. The senior from Spartanburg, S.C., averaged 17.2 yards each time he touched the ball. He also totaled four touchdowns on his 21 touches. He had 15 receptions for 269 yards (17.9 avg.) and two scores. A former Dorman High School teammate of Rodgers, Nash added 93 yards rushing and two touchdowns on six rushing attempts (15.5 avg.). Both of his rushing touchdowns came on fourth-down plays.

Offensive Lineman of the Year -- Eric Deutsch. A first-team consensus All-America, Deutsch also received the SoCon's Jacobs Blocking Trophy as the league's top offensive lineman. The Cincinnati, Ohio, will return in the fall for a fifth season of eligibility. Deutsch topped the Terriers in knockdown blocks, including a single-game high 35 in the 34-17 quarterfinal-round playoff victory over Western Kentucky.

Defensive Lineman of the Year -- Lee Basinger. An All-SoCon selection, Basinger topped the Wofford defensive front with 90 tackles, including 17 for a loss. The rising senior from Concord, N.C., recorded six sacks, seven quarterback hurries and three fumble recoveries.

Linebacker of the Year -- Teddie Whitaker. Whitaker was an All-SoCon selection while twice being named the league's Defensive Player of the Week. The senior from Burton, S.C., totaled 86 tackles with nine stops for a loss. He added four sacks, two interceptions, two forced fumbles and three recoveries.

Defensive Back of the Year -- Matt Nelson. The senior from Grove City, Ohio, was a consensus first-team All-America while placing third in voting for the Buck Buchanan Award, recognizing the nation's top defensive player. Nelson was a unanimous first-team All-SoCon selection by the league coaches with the media naming him the SoCon's Defensive Player of the Year. He totaled a team-high 167 tackles and six interceptions. He closed his career as Wofford's all-time tackle leader with 452.

Special Teams Player of the Year -- Jimmy Miner and Jonathan Starks. Miner (Kennesaw, Ga.) earned All-SoCon honors for the fourth straight year as his punting was key in the Terriers consistently winning the field position battle. Twenty of his 60 punts were downed inside the 20-yard line. Another 12 were fair caught. He only had two touchbacks on the

year. Starks was a four-year standout as the long snapper. The Columbia, S.C., native joins Nelson and Miner as National Football League prospects.

Freshman of the Year -- Kevious Johnson. Also named the SoCon Freshman of the Year by the league coaches and media, Johnson topped the Terriers in rushing with 823 yards and nine touchdowns on a 6.0 per carry mark. With J.R. McNair injured, Johnson moved to fullback for the Georgia Southern game and scored all three Wofford touchdowns in a 20-14 win. The Fitzgerald, Ga., native had the highest rushing total by a Terrier freshman since Shawn Graves ran for 1,483 yards in 1989.

Academic Award -- Josh Smith. A rising senior inside linebacker from Greer, S.C., Smith carries a 3.87 grade-point average while majoring in biology. He totaled 45 tackles on the year.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Ayers inducted into his alma mater's Hall of Fame
Date: April 21, 2004 at 1:20 PM
To:



Wofford football coach Mike Ayers has been inducted into the Georgetown College (Ky.) Athletic Hall of Fame.

A 1974 graduate of Georgetown, Ayers was a three-time All-District selection at linebacker while also starting at offensive tackle. On the baseball diamond, Ayers earned All-District honors as a catcher. He also competed in gymnastics and wrestling.

After his graduation, he served as an assistant coach and helped lead Georgetown to a 7-3 record in 1974. He was promoted to defensive coordinator the following year and the Tigers improved to 8-3.

Entering his 17th season at Wofford, Ayers is the Terriers' all-time winningest coach with 102 victories. He earned the 2003 Eddie Robinson Award as the nation's top coach in Division I-AA after leading the Terriers to their first SoCon championship and a berth in the national semifinals. Ayers has also been the SoCon Coach of the Year three times in the last four campaigns.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford punter Miner signs free-agent contract with St. Louis Rams
Date: April 25, 2004 at 9:41 PM
To:

MC

Wofford punter Jimmy Miner has signed a free-agent contract with the St. Louis Rams.

Miner is the first Terrier to ink a pro football deal since former punter Brandon Kale with the Carolina Panthers in 2000.

A four-time All-SoCon selection, Miner is the Terriers' career leader in average at 40.4 yards. He set a single-season school record with a 42.2 mark as a junior in 2002. He topped the SoCon and ranked eighth nationally as a sophomore with a 42.0 average.

Miner was instrumental in making Wofford the SoCon's winningest football team the last two seasons with a 21-5 overall record and 14-2 league mark. He earned Terrier Player of the Week honors after Wofford's 7-6 win over Furman this past season when five of his six punts were downed inside the 20-yard line, enabling the Terriers to win the field position battle.

Miner also received Wofford Player of the Week accolades after a 7-6 victory at South Carolina State in the 2002 campaign. He averaged 47.8 yards in that contest as the Bulldogs had an average starting field position of their 14-yard line.

Twenty of Miner's 60 punts in 2003 went inside the 20. Twelve punts were fair caught with just two touchbacks. In his final game, he averaged 46.3 yards on six kicks, including two over 50 yards, in Wofford's Division I-AA semifinal-round playoff contest versus Delaware.

The Kennesaw, Ga., native was the Terriers' punter since the opening practice of his freshman season. He helped Wofford place fourth nationally in net punting (39.1 yards) in 2002 and 13th (36.7) last season.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford football ranked second in preseason poll by Athlon Sports
Date: April 27, 2004 at 4:23 PM
To:



The defending Southern Conference champion Wofford football team is ranked second by Athlon Sports in the Division I-AA Top 25 poll that will appear in the national edition of its preseason publication.

Southern Illinois is ranked first.

The Terriers return 17 starters (nine offensive, eight defensive) and all but 10 players from last year's squad that posted a 12-2 overall record and 8-0 SoCon mark in advancing to the Division I-AA national semifinals.

Wofford opens the 2004 campaign on Sept. 11 at South Carolina State.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford's Deutsch receives preseason All-America football honor
Date: April 28, 2004 at 11:57 AM
To:

MC

Wofford offensive guard Eric Deutsch is a first-team preseason All-America selection by Athlon Sports in the national edition of its 2004 football publication.

Deutsch was a first-team consensus All-America last season as he topped the SoCon champion Terriers in knockdown blocks. He was also the recipient of the SoCon's Jacobs Blocking Trophy as the league's top offensive lineman.

A senior from Cincinnati, Ohio, Deutsch received Terrier Offensive Player of the Week honors for the second time during the 2003 campaign when he totaled a Wofford single-game high 35 knockdowns in the 34-17 quarterfinal-round playoff win over defending national champion Western Kentucky.

Wofford, the SoCon's winningest football team over the last two seasons with a 21-5 overall record and 14-2 league mark, opens the 2004 season on Sept. 11 at South Carolina State.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford football media guide receives honor
Date: April 29, 2004 at 1:19 PM
To:



The 2003 Wofford football media guide received fifth-place honors for Division I-AA in a national contest conducted by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Last year's Terrier football publication was produced by the Wofford athletic media relations office and Imperial Printing in Charlotte, N.C.

Western Illinois took first-place accolades with UMass in second place. Appalachian State was third and William and Mary fourth.

